

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0001] Conventionally, reclining type articles of furniture (i.e., chairs, sofas, loveseats, and the like) require a mechanism to bias a leg rest assembly in the extended and stowed positions. The mechanisms provided by the prior art include a large number of moving parts that ~~tends~~ tend to increase the manufacturing time and costs associated with the furniture.

Please replace Paragraph [0004] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0004] Once the occupant does overcome the biasing force of the mechanism, though, the large number of moving parts tends to generate noise as the user extends (or stows) the assembly. Also, as the assembly nears its fully extended (or ~~retracted~~ retracted) position, the prior art mechanisms suddenly accelerate (or jerk) to the fully extended position. Again, these disadvantages of the prior art mechanisms detract from the occupant's comfort and enjoyment of the furniture.

Please replace Paragraph [0037] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0037] In another embodiment, the engagement member 54 includes a hook to slidably engage the support shaft 28. While a hook 54 with a diameter d_1 equal to a diameter d_2 of the support shaft 28 may be employed, a diameter d_1 exceeding the diameter d_2 is preferred. More particularly, it has been found that hooks 54 with the diameter d_1 equal to diameter d_2 tend to fail at a portion 62 of the spring 52 adjacent the hook 54 (i.e., adjacent the support shaft 28). In contrast, hooks 54 with diameters d_1 larger than d_2 provide reliable and predictable service life when exposed to the designed level of cyclic stress. A diameter d_1 between about ~~30%~~ 130% and about ~~70%~~ 170% of the diameter d_2 is desirable. As presently preferred, a hook having a diameter of $\frac{3}{4}$ inches is used over a support shaft having a diameter of $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.